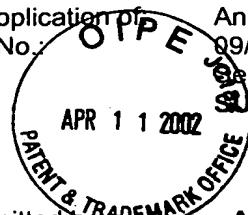


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Washington, DC 20231In re application of
Serial No.: 09/676,376

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Transmitted herewith is a Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
 No fee for additional claims is required.
 A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY				
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		AMENDMENT	PAID FOR		EXTRA			
TOTAL CLAIMS	71 Minus 64 =		8		x \$ 9 \$		x \$ 18 \$	\$144.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 Minus 3 =		1		x \$ 42 \$		x \$ 84 \$	\$84.00
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$140 \$		+ \$280 \$	
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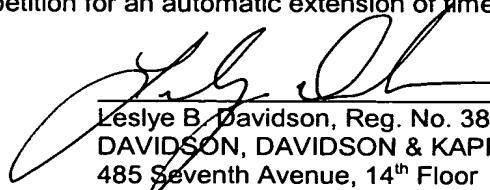
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 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
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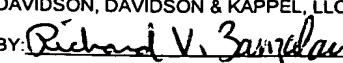
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